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S.B. No. 586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the exemption from compulsory public school attendance  
3 for home-schooled children.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.086, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) A home-schooled child is exempt under Subsection (a)(1)  
8 only if the child's parent or guardian provides to the commissioner  
9 written acknowledgment on a form adopted by the commissioner that  
10 the parent or guardian accepts complete responsibility for  
11 adequately teaching the child based on a curriculum designed to  
12 meet basic education goals.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2004, the commissioner  
14 of education shall adopt the form described by Section 25.086(c),  
15 Education Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2004-2005  
17 school year.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.